



MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Special Meeting

Mammoth Lakes Board of
Supervisors Meeting Room,
3rd Fl. Sierra Center Mall,
452 Old Mammoth Rd.,
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

February 16, 2010

9:00 AM

Meeting Called to Order by Vice Chair Hazard
Chairman Hunt was absent due to travel out of the country.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Bauer

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Vickie Taton, Sierra Business Council: The Eastern Sierra land tenure project has been restarted; agencies were well represented at the first meeting. Community workshops are scheduled for April.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Bauer:

1. Attended the Lee Vining RPAC last Wednesday. Discussed a reclamation plan by CalTrans. Bauer asked the CAO to agendize this soon for Board discussion.
2. There seems to be a conflict between land use rules and tax rules; Double Eagle may have an issue.
3. Enjoys having the third monthly Board meeting in Mammoth, and allowing easier access to her constituents.
4. Submitted three resolutions to the NACO transportation committee. Two of them may move forward.

Supervisor Farnetti:

1. The Bridgeport RPAC wants to discuss the practice of holding one meeting a month in Mammoth. Farnetti will attend their meeting on February 18th.
2. Business was very good over the President's Day weekend—the Town was about 90% booked. During this week, the Town will be about 70% booked and 90% booked next weekend. January this year was up 9% over January last year.

Supervisor Hazard:

1. Attended the Hoover Wilderness planning meeting on February 11th with Bob Haueter and other stakeholders. They are moving forward except on one issue: Crossing of the Pacific Crest Trail at the northwest corner. Language in the bill has been interpreted to mean a motorized vehicle can only cross the trail one time; this was not the intent. Bob is working to resolve the conflict.
2. Held office hours in Chalfant last Friday. Questions and concerns arose about the park and the shooting ordinance; both will be discussed at tonight's evening meeting.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

- 1) CAO Report regarding Board Assignments (David Wilbrecht)
Receive brief oral report by County Administrative Officer (CAO) regarding his activities.

David Wilbrecht:

1. Continuing to hold status meetings with staff.
2. Will put together a document soliciting proposals for publishing legal notices.
3. Met with Kevin Carunchio (Inyo County); meeting with him once a month.
4. Will be out of town this Friday through next Wednesday.

- 2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M10-24 Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting held February 2, 2010, as corrected.
Bauer/Farnetti, 3-0; Hunt absent

- Supervisor Farnetti: Correction to his comments under Item #6a, Memorial Ideas for Andrea Mead Lawrence, change to "Supports naming the peak".

Closed Session: 9:05 a.m.

Break: 9:55 a.m.

Reconvened: 10:05 a.m.

Adjourned: 12:05 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board had nothing to report from Closed Session.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 3a) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS - Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Dave Wilbrecht, Brian Muir, Marshall Rudolph, Mary Booher, and Rita Sherman. Unrepresented employee(s): All.
- 3b) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS - Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Marshall Rudolph, Brian Muir, Dave Wilbrecht, Mary Booher, Rita Sherman, Rick Scholl. Employee Organization(s): Mono County Sheriff's Officers Association.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/EMERGING ISSUES

Louis Molina, Environmental Health: Update on Local Enforcement Agency status with Solid Waste Board. Evaluation process is complete and the LEA is once again in good standing; issues pertaining to landfills and transfer stations have been resolved. Still working on two permit issues.

CONSENT AGENDA

(All matters on the consent agenda are to be approved on one motion unless a board member requests separate action on a specific item.)

CLERK OF THE BOARD

- 4a) There are no items on the Consent Agenda

REGULAR AGENDA

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (INFORMATIONAL)

All items listed are available for review and are located in the Office of the Clerk of the Board

CLERK-RECORDER

- 5a) Sierra Summer Festival - Letter from Carol Guffey, Treasurer, thanking the Board of Supervisors for the \$10,000 contribution towards the upcoming 2010 Sierra Summer Festival.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the correspondence.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - PLANNING DIVISION

- 6a) Integrated Regional Water Management (Mark Drew) - Presentation by Mark Drew to update the Board on the progress of the Inyo/Mono Integrated Regional Water Management Group. Update will include discussion of the MOU, the Plan and funding.

No Motion Action: Agendize for a future meeting; ask the staff member who has been monitoring the meetings to give a report.

Mark Drew, Inyo-Mono Integrated Regional Water Management Group: Gave a PowerPoint presentation.

- Background of funding (Propositions 50 and 84).
- Description of IRWMGs—what they do and don't do: voluntary, provide regional coordination, access to State funds, non-regulatory, primary conduit for funding water-related projects based on DWR established criteria, address multi-benefit/multi-stakeholder needs.
- Members of the water group identify and prioritize projects and needs.
- Goal is to have a plan drafted and adopted by the end of May so it can be submitted to the State for funding. The plan is a living document and will be revised as needed.
- More than 35 entities are involved in the Inyo-Mono IRWMG. Representatives meet on a monthly basis.
- MOU currently has 25 signatories; would like other entities to join.
- This is an opportunity to empower local communities to identify and secure means to address relevant needs.
- Many entities have submitted projects.
- Moving Forward: 1) Complete the plan (fundraising, community outreach, drafting the plan). 2) Revise the Inyo-Mono MOU. 3) Define and establish Inyo-Mono IRWM organizational structure.
- How Mono County can contribute: Continue to participate in both Coordinating and Planning Committee meetings; become a signatory to the MOU; actively contribute to drafting of new MOU; financially support completing the Inyo-Mono IRWM Plan.
- Outlined Six-month budget and current funding support. Requested \$5,000 from Mono County.
- Ultimately the plan is reviewed by the member entities and is approved by the entire group.

Mindy Pohlman, June Lake PUD: The district has been participating in the IRWP and adopted the MOU in the fall of 2008. They are looking for funding to renovate the sewer system and are pursuing assistance with monitoring the ground water in June Lake. Data from the plan will help benefit new construction. The process is working well.

Barbara Faessel, Birchim Community Services District: This is a wonderful avenue for small districts that don't have resources. They are planning to sign the MOU and be an active participant.

Roberta Reed, Finance Department: Funding request—one time or ongoing? Who is currently the fiscal agent?

- Drew: The \$5,000 request is intended to be one-time to help complete the plan. Intent is to secure funding through the State that would include overhead and administrative expenses. Drew and California Trout are working as the fiscal agents. They do not intend to ask the County for funding to implement projects.

Board Discussion

Supervisor Bauer: What are the unintended consequences or legal issues? Would rather work on the proposed MOU than focus on the current MOU; willing to sign the current MOU.

- Allen Berrey, Assistant County Counsel: As worded, the proposed MOU is not legally binding; there will be opportunities for the Board to evaluate the program and they may opt out. The MOU won't tie the County's hands with respect to water policy.

Supervisor Farnetti: What was the outcome of watershed studies done previously?

- Scott Burns, Community Development: Using the studies to update the master environmental assessment. The studies contained general recommendations but not policy implications.

Supervisor Hazard: Expressed concern that his 9 water districts are not represented; has several concerns with the proposed MOU (he is willing to work with the parties to resolve issues); projects in Mono County will have to go through approval process; Board should determine who will be the County's IRWMG representative; the County's interests seem to be at risk by having only one vote when it deals with all of Mono County water; who will be responsible for financial audits? Hazard prefers to maintain autonomy; does not support funding.

Board Members' general comments:

- Not comfortable making a decision without a full board and without having the current MOU to review.
- Would the County give up water rights?
- Support the idea conceptually; project has benefits in the long run.
- Agendize for a future discussion; invite small water districts to attend meeting.

Mark Drew: Answered questions and addressed concerns.

- The existing MOU has been signed by 25 entities, and is the current guiding document; the organizational structure is outlined therein.
- Issue of groundwater will need to be addressed at some point.
- IRWMG has had only one formal vote so far (they work on a consensus basis). Signatories get to participate in voting.
- The organization is a broad array of stakeholders talking in a functional way about water.
- Having the County sign the existing MOU will show greater representation when IRWMG requests State funding.
- The IRWMG is not about what a private or public entity can do with the water.
- Asked the County to sign the existing MOU; would value the County's input on the new MOU.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- 7a) 2010 California State Fair (Sarah McCahill) - Presentation by Sarah McCahill regarding whether or not Mono County should attend the 2010 California State Fair and participate in the Counties Exhibits. The Economic Development Department has been encouraged to participate in this year's California State Fair Counties Exhibits. The State Fair was not something we had planned on attending in 2010, and therefore we did not budget for the expense. Economic Development has explored several options for participating in the Counties Exhibits and will present these to the Board.

Action: None

Sarah McCahill, Economic Development: The Economic Development Department has been encouraged to participate in this year's state fair in the counties' exhibit area. This is a place where counties have displays to highlight their unique attributes; typically booths are not staffed. Counties can win a cash prize for a booth. Economic Development and Tourism did not plan on attending the fair so the expense is not in the budget. McCahill presented a list of options.

Board Member Comments:

- Supervisor Farnetti: The County should be represented, but at this time he is not willing to provide general fund money; should budget for next year. The Board should leave it up to Economic Development to prioritize their marketing options.
- Supervisor Bauer: The County has other needs. She supports Economic Development's marketing plan; does not support spending any funding at this time.
- Supervisor Hazard: Brought this issue forward after attending last year's fair; Mono County was represented in various ways but not in the county booths. A booth could provide public access to the County's website; \$5,000 seems to be a small amount to pay for a booth. Would like Economic Development to review funding opportunities without using general fund money.

Board Members agreed that this idea should be considered next year during the budget process.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

- 8a) Sub-recipient agreement with Mammoth Lakes Housing-2009 HOME Grant (Mary Booher) - Proposed contract with Mammoth Lakes Housing pertaining to 2009 HOME Grant sub-recipient agreement.

- M10-25 Action:** Approve County entry into proposed contract with Mammoth Lakes Housing pertaining to 2009 HOME Grant sub-recipient agreement, and authorize the Vice Chair to execute said contract on behalf of the County.

Bauer/Farnetti, 3-0; Hunt absent

David Wilbrecht, CAO: The County has received a grant for first-time homebuyers; he asked the Board to approve entry into the sub-recipient agreement. He will ask Mammoth Lakes Housing to give a report on the previous grant.

Mary Booher, CAO's Office: Mammoth Lakes Housing will administer the grant and provide outreach. They have notified RPACs in the past, but need to put more energy into outreach efforts. Booher will bring forth an update to the homebuyer guidelines, which will outline limitations.

COUNTY COUNSEL

- 9a) Walker River Basin (Stacey Simon) - Update on Walker River Basin lease and acquisition programs.

Action: No Update

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 10a) State Budget (Board Members) - The Board of Supervisors may discuss issues pertaining to the California State budget.

Action: None

Supervisor Farnetti: Provided an update from CSAC. 1) The senate budget committee is making progress; 2) revenue is \$1.8 billion higher than projected; 3) outlined areas of reduction in the prison system; 4) a proposed surcharge to help fund firefighting in the state is being discussed.

- 10b) Andrea Mead Lawrence (Board Members) - Renaming Peak 12,223 in honor of Andrea Lawrence.

M10-26 Action: Authorize the Vice Chair to sign a letter in support of Federal Legislation to rename Peak 12,223 to honor the lifetime achievements of Andrea Mead Lawrence.

Farnetti/Bauer, 3-0; Hunt absent

Supervisor Bauer: Supervisors Hunt and Bauer drafted the letter to support federal legislation for naming the peak.

Sharon Clark: Supports this action. Andrea loved the Sierras.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

- 11a) Evening Meeting Schedule (Lynda Roberts) - Board of Supervisors' 2010 evening meeting schedule.

Action: None

Supervisor Hazard: Some time during the year, he would like to have a meeting in Paradise and a meeting in Crowley.

The Board did not schedule any meeting locations, but asked for this to be a recurring agenda item so they can make decisions closer to the actual meeting dates.

ADJOURN: 12:05 p.m.

Duane "Hap" Hazard
Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

LYNDA ROBERTS
Clerk of the Board

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